

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 12, 2012 were presented. Norman Winkler made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE**

Jerry Kent reported that he and Bruce Levi met with Mayor Pavey. Bruce Levi reported that it was a straight city plan and that he still had a lot of questions.

Norman Winkler stated that they have put the hospital off long enough. Norman Winkler made the motion to sign the contract with Rush Memorial Ambulance and to allow the discussions to continue. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Gerald Mohr opened the floor to discussion. The vote was NAY: Warren Norris, Kevin Spilman, and Jerry Kent. Voting AYE: Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, and Bruce Levi. Gerald Mohr Broke the tie vote with an AYE vote.

### **HEALTH**

Rush County Health Officer Dr. Dorothy Boersma appeared before the council seeking two transfers:

- Warren Norris made the motion to approve the transfer of \$9,800.00 from Environmental Health Supplies (8-1000-2-2) into Health Insurance (8-1000-1-10). Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the transfer of \$7,000.00 from Environmental Health Supplies (8-1000-2-2) into Aides Salaries (8-1000-1-15). Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COURTHOUSE**

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve the transfer of \$200.00 from Courthouse Fuel (1-13-3-3) into Courthouse Institutional & Cleaning (1-13-2-1). Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported forty-four (44) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County Jail.

Sherwood asked permission to use Jail Commissary Funds for the 2012 sheriff/jail Christmas party. Sherwood noted that the cost would not exceed \$3,200.00. Warren Norris made the motion to allow the usage of Commissary Funds towards the Christmas party. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood along with Ron Jarman provided information towards a mobile upgrade for the computer units. The current computers modems and laptops are 8 years old. "Interact" will be a mobile upgrade along with a savings to the department. Shelby County currently uses Interact and Marion County is moving in this direction. The cost is approximately \$13,000.

Sherwood asked for a \$14,000.00 from Auto Insurance (1-5-3-2) into Light Equipment (1-5-4-3). Kevin Spilman made the motion. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gerald Mohr shared that it is good that the department has gotten everything to last as long as they have. Now everyone can be on the same platform.

### **FIBERBOARD**

Ron Jarman, Council Fiber Board Appointment, provided a report on fiber agreement information. Jarman did report that Ninestar will get 72 strands of Fiber on long term lease of Phase II fiber.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the advertised additional appropriation of \$55,000.00. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve and sign the budget form 4 approving the Rush County Solid Waste District Budget and Levy. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ADULT PROBATION USER FEES**

Deborah Adams reported that Judge Northam has agreed to have the full salary of Chief Probation Officer Mark Fields to be paid from Adult Probation User Fees. Adams shared that a subsidy from one fund cannot be comingled with the county general fund. Judge Northam had originally proposed this during the September budget hearings. Adams noted that verification was received from SBOA. Home Rule does allow the employee fringe benefits to be paid from the general fund. Adams did stress that the FICA will need to remain with the employee's paycheck source of funding.

Adams explained that this will increase the General fund by \$10,759.00, but due to the September budget cuts the council is still under the advertised budget and there are no concerns. Adams asked for a motion to increase the Adult Probation User Fees Budget as she had been instructed to have the conversation with Judge Northam following the September hearing. Jerry Kent made the motion to increase the Adult Probation User Fee Budget to reflect Chief

Probation Officer Mark Fields receiving his full pay from this budget. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **2013 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Kevin Spilman made the motion to advertise the 2013 County Council Appointments. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following appointments will be made to:

Alcoholic Beverage Board  
Hospital Board  
Fiber Board

### **E.C.D.C.**

Carolyn Bunzendahl, ECDC Staff Assistant, shared thanks on behalf of E.C.D.C. Director Jim Finan for the continued budgeted support in 2013. Bunzendahl stated that things are beginning to happen in Rush County.

### **EMA**

EMA Director, Chuck Kemker, reported that the county must return \$15,000.00 from an unused 2003 grant.

Rob Puckett has now been assigned the District 6 Coordinator.

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that the highway van has died at 130,000 miles. It is 11 years old and is on the Chrysler lot. Sitton indicated that he will need to move some money around to purchase another vehicle. The council shared that they had no problem with him proceeding.

### **COUNTY BUDGET – FORM #4**

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve and sign the Rush County Budget. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **WIND FARMS**

Leigh Morning reported that Rick Hall and Jason Semler are negotiating the fees and tax credits on behalf of Rush County with Nordex.

### **PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS**

Gerald Mohr reported that Partners for Progress met Monday and discussed beautification projects.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Bruce Levi. Warren Norris seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/Gerald Mohr  
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/Norman Winkler  
Norman Winkler

/s/Janet Kile  
Janet Kile

/s/Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi

/s/Kevin Spilman  
Kevin Spilman

/s/Jerry Kent  
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams  
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor